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(02-061)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Robert Behl, et al**

**Serial No.: 09/663,048**

**Filed:** September 15, 2000

**For:** METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
FOCUSED BIPOLAR TISSUE ABLATION

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) **Group Art Unit:** 3739

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) **Confirmation No.:** 3396

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) **Examiner:** Rosiland Kearney

**REQUEST TO APPLY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ISSUE FEE PAYMENT**

**M/S: Issue Fee**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

Applicants respectfully request that the previously submitted issue fee payment on June 23, 2003, be applied to the current issue fee due on September 15, 2004, according to the MPEP 1308.01.

Applicants respectfully note the following:

Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application was mailed on April 1, 2003, with issue fee due on July 1, 2003. Issue fee for US\$1,300.00 was paid on June 23, 2003, and charged by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on June 27, 2003, as evidenced in the attached account statement.

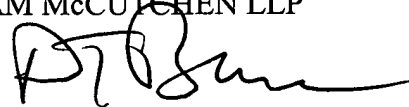
Petition to withdraw from issuance was filed and granted after issue fee payment.  
Applicant has not requested a refund of the issue fee paid in June 2003, neither the issue fee has been credited to Bingham McCutchen's deposit account.

Therefore, please apply the amount of US\$1,300 previously paid to the current Issue Fee due on September 15, 2004. Issue fee transmittal is enclosed with authorization to charge \$30.00 due to the USPTO fee increase in 2004.

If, the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this request, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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